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1. S.A. Dange, Rajeswar Rao and Punneyal (fnu) returned<sup>2</sup> from a secret trip to Moscow. They brought back with them a Cominform-approved, two-phase plan of action for the Communist Party of India (CPI).
2. The first phase emphasizes leftist unity and support for the so-called peace front, which will be used as part of the CPI campaign platform during the coming elections. The second phase stresses the underground activities of sabotage and infiltration into industry, the government, and the military services.<sup>3</sup>
3. Headquarters of the underground organization will be in Calcutta. There will be no written orders, directives, or records of any kind; communications will be entirely oral.
4. B.T. Ranadive although publicly thought to be out of favor with the CPI Interim Politburo, still holds a high advisory position within the Party. He will probably play a more conspicuous role after the elections.<sup>4</sup>

25X1A. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same as Makineni Basava Punniyah (aka Punniyah), [REDACTED] as being one of 11 members of the CPI Central Committee under Rao in June 1950.

25X1A<sub>2</sub>. [REDACTED] Comment. The source placed the date of this at "recently".

25X1A. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED], from a source close to Bombay Police officials, reported that Moscow had disapproved 3 different CPI theses. 25X1A

25X1A<sub>3</sub>. [REDACTED] Comment. The duality of CPI policy has been persistently reported in the last three months; but it is still not altogether clear whether the primary purpose of the covert part of the plan is to build cadres to aid in softening up the Indian borders in case of Communist infiltration or a attack, or to continue Ranadive's plan of preparing India directly for revolution.

25X1A<sub>4</sub>. [REDACTED] Comment. The Source pointed out that all of the information in this report was obtained from hearsay; it is not yet definitely confirmed.

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